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WELCOME TO THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

On Tuesday January 19th, we kicked off the 2021 General Legislative Session. With some lawmakers on Zoom and others in person, the 45-day legislative session convened to do the people's work. Speaker Wilson made the following statement, "We are going to work harder and smarter than we've ever worked; and we are going to come together like never before because the moment demands nothing less... Great moments are born from great opportunity." Read his full speech by clicking [here](#).

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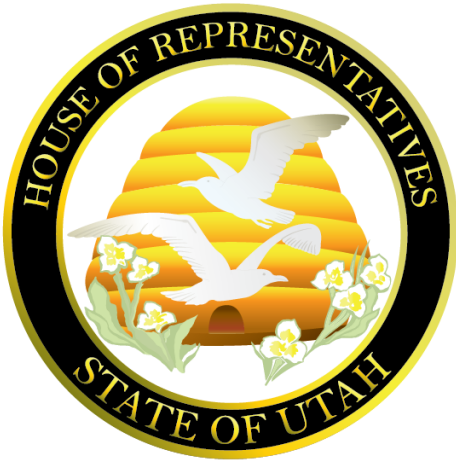
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Former Speaker and Congressman, Rob Bishop, administered the oath of office to 14 new members and 61 returning members. Bishop Oscar Solis from Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City offered the opening prayer, Stacy Godfrey, daughter of the late Rep. Shurtliff led us in the pledge, Dee-dee Darby-Duffin performed the national anthem, and we enjoyed a virtual musical number by performing artists from across the state. Although this session will look different, we are ready to serve the people of Utah and enact policies that will make our state great for years to come.

HONORING REP. LOU SHURLIFF

As we begin the session, we do so on a somber note. We honored our friend and colleague, Representative Lou Shurtliff, who passed away only a few weeks ago. She was a lively and knowledgeable part of our body and we mourn her loss. In celebration of her life, we passed HCR 7, Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the Public Service of Representative Lawanna Lou Shurtliff. We presented the resolution and a portrait to Lou's children. Legislators and staff wore "Lou" pins and Governor Spencer Cox ordered the flags to be lowered in remembrance of her.





UTAH REPS PODCAST

Every week for the duration of the session, we will hear from a few lawmakers about their priority legislation. This week, we will hear from Representative Cory Maloy about driver's license suspensions and Representative Walt Brooks about constitutional concealed carry. [Listen to this week's episode to learn more!](#)

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION



History was also made Wednesday as Joseph Biden took his role as the 46th President of the United States. Speaker Wilson said, "The peaceful transfer of power that occurs each inauguration Day is an enduring testament to our national ideal of government of the people, by the people, for the people. I join all Americans in wishing President Biden and Vice President Harris success in fulfilling the solemn oath they took today."